



**Bible Study via Facebook Live
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Church Theme for 2021: "Our Year to Conquer Through Christ"

Series Theme: "God's Response to an Excellent Spirit"

Subject - "When Excellence Leads to Good Trouble!" Part 3

Scripture References:

1. Daniel 3:1-15
2. St. Luke 6:38
3. Ephesians 3:20-21
4. Galatians 6:7
5. II Corinthians 9:6-7
6. Hebrews 11:16 Hall of Fame/Faith)
7. St. Luke 18:28-30
8. Hebrews 10:35
9. Daniel 3:1-5
10. Hebrews 11:25
11. Daniel 3:17-18
12. Daniel 3:24-29
13. Daniel 3:30

Notes:

- The "why" determines your process.
- Principle of sow and reap. (St. Luke 6:38 and Ephesians 3:20)
- It is our attitude towards what we do for God that means the most.
- We must set ourselves up for God's abundance.
 - If we simply pray and wait, then go about our daily schedule, it will never happen.
- We must examine our attitudes about why we serve God and why we do what we do.
 - Is your attitude based on the enthusiasm in your heart?
 - When was the last time that you were excited to get up and pray?
- I want God's above and beyond.
 - Excellence is going beyond the goal; beyond average.
 - The amount or the measure we receive is based upon the "whatsoever" we plant/sow.
- God wants us to develop this attitude: What a privilege it is to serve the Lord with gladness.
- God is not calling for lukewarm people.
- Don't limit God!
 - We must do for God and give to God with no limits attached because He blesses us without any limits.
- Examine: How do you give to God?

- How do you know when I'm giving to God?
 - It is when you are contributing to something and the results are those of a Godly purpose. The results give you a Godly response. When you look at the outcome, does it please God? If you give it, does it result in a Godly purpose.

Premise: Trouble isn't always negative. There is such a thing as "good trouble." Being excellent for Christ's sake means confrontation and fighting for the good fight. We can't be afraid to stand up for Jesus in the face of opposition.

Takeaways:

1. Satan must never be allowed to have his way with God's people (unchecked). There will be spiritual battles that push the faithful to our extremes. However, being fearless in the face of good trouble is the mark of Godly excellence.
 2. Godly excellence means never fearing the "but if not" moment. We must push beyond the place of fear to be excellent in our service to God.
 3. Our excellence for "His" sake will give way to God's supernatural intervention. Satan's cause cannot prevail over our determination to engage in good trouble. We must do God's will, even in the face of evil.
- I don't ever want God to feel ashamed that He is my God.
 - I am not waiting to go to Heaven to get blessed. God has promised me some things right here on Earth.
 - Have an attitude that pleases God...an attitude of excellence.
 - When we think about good trouble, we think about Congressman John Lewis. He was arrested 40+ times for fighting for the cause of African Americans. His motto was...find a way to get into good trouble.
 - Five Ways to Get into Good Trouble
 - Vote Always
 - Vote means to make your voice present and heard.
 - Spiritually, it's about your voice for God; it matters because you cannot be silent about your faith!
 - Realize you are never too young (or old) to make a difference.
 - We must have to understand and know that we have a Godly purpose.
 - Purpose is a deliberate intention. Move from average to excellence.

Point 1: A good God empowers us for good trouble.

- John Lewis said we must learn how to speak truth to power.
- Get right with God and do it now!
- The Church cannot be afraid to stand up and speak up for Jesus. We must witness to non-believers.
- Be a racial inequality broker; be an advocate for people who have less than you. We cannot allow injustice to rage and act like...because it doesn't affect me, it's not my problem.
- You have to fight the good fight of faith. Get involved!
- Daniel 3:1-5 - The goal of the devil is to make you bow down to him while saying you serve God.
 - To bow down means to fall down. The Greek word for bow down is Proskuneo, which means to bow down and make your god bigger than another god.
- We need God for every season that we go through.
- Don't you bow down to any other god. Don't worship your problems nor your situation! Refuse to bow down.
- Stay committed to God!

Point 2: Good trouble is worth God's goodness to me!

- Fight your flesh...that's good trouble!
- You cannot be a part of everything that the world will do.
- When the trouble is to advance the purpose of God, that's good trouble. It's worth going against the enemy of God in order to advance the mission of God. (Daniel 3:17-18)

- Excellence comes when you can shift and trust God even though you don't understand. I don't know what God is up to all the time, but I know He is a GOOD GOD!
- You're going to have some "but if" moments. In those times, trust God!
- If you stand up for God, He will stand up for you!
- Become excellent in your faith! Refuse to hide your faith!

Point 3: My excellence is for a manifestation of God's excellence!

- Daniel 3:24-29 – After the King put the three Hebrew boys in the fire, they didn't get burned. Their excellence was manifested and God's excellence was manifested. The King was astonished. They put three men in, but four men were seen walking loosely in the fire. The 4th one looked like the Son of God!
 - God took the heat out of the flame. The fire had no power!
 - The point is for us to realize that when we are being excellent for God, God will work on our behalf.
- When you act in excellence for God, God will manifest Himself.
- Jesus appeared to protect and preserve His own sons...the three Hebrew boys!
- The King said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego."
- When you give God overflow, He will bring overflow to you! (Daniel 3:30)
- The King realized that God was more powerful than he was. So, he promoted the three Hebrew boys.
- Give up a little more of your life and give a little more of your life to Jesus.

Prayer of Salvation:

- Salvation is not to make you perfect, but it is to make you better and to know that your sins have been paid for! If you are not saved today or need to rededicate to Christ, please stop and say this prayer unto God...Father, I have sinned. I thank you for Jesus who died on the cross for my sins. Come into my heart and save me. I receive you and because I ask and I believe, I am saved forever!!! Amen!!! Hallelujah!!!
 - If you said this prayer of salvation or rededication, please email Bishop Muse at bishopmuse@gmail.com or text me at 313131.